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May 22, 2003

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

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#### RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

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### AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the office Action dated March 27, 2003 kindly amend the case as follows:

In the Specification

Page 22, line 16, delete

--As stated above, the feed gas may consist of a mixture of methane, CO, and any other gas species. In this regard, it is contemplated that the gas to be

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